return postage, would be paid by  the county.   That has been
eliminated so the fiscal note, in  fact, will be adjusted to
reflect that.   I believe and it  is my intent in introducing
this legislation to  make it easier for persons  for whom it
is difficult or  impossible to get to the polls  to vote.   I
agree with the elimination of  any age or mileage provisions
which  orginally appeared  in  the bill  and  now for  those
elderly persons for  whom it is physically  difficult to get
around, it  will be to...they will  be able to  utilize this
absentee  ballot.   I   know   that  Senator  Higgins  has  some
concerns  about  the   use  or  misuse  of   this  piece  of
legislation  in  connection  with  nursing  homes.    I  have
visited with her  and she indicates and I  have indicated to
her that we will be addressing  that before this reaches you
on  Select File.    So  at  this time  I  would  ask for  the
advancement of LB 920.

SPEAKER NICHOL:   Senator Howard Peterson.

SENATOR H.  PETERSON:  Mr. Chairman, I certainly  don't want
to hold up the  bill at this point but I  do want to caution
the members  of the Legislature that  we are taking  out the
notarization of absentee ballots and it seems to me we could
very easily  be making it  so easy  for people to  vote that
they don't...what we  will do is go around to  the homes for
the aged and some other places  and that is my great concern
and then  we will just say,  well, you know, just  sign this
ballot  for me.   We  will put  it in  an  envelope and  Pat
Morehead will  get the votes  without even knowing  who they
are voting for.

SPEAKER NICHOL:   Senator Morehead, did you wish to close?

SENATOR MOREHEAD:    I would simply  like to  address Senator
Peterson's concern  and that is notarization  especially for
those  people  living  abroad  is  extremely  difficult  and
expensive.   Mr. Beermann indicated that he had absolutely no
problem with  this because  of the  way that  this could  be
checked in the office and I do understand Senator Peterson's
concerns  and along  with  Senator  Higgins  we  will try  to
clarify that and tighten it up  if they have any concerns in
that area.